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SUBJECT: BOEING INVESTIGATION AND PROPOSED VISIT OF FIA
DIRGEN TO WASHINGTON

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1. DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS MET JULY 30 WITH PAKISTANI DCM RIZA TO DISCUSS PAKISTAN EMBASSY REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IN USG POSSESSION RELATING TO ALLEGED IMPROPER PAYMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH BOEING AIRCRAFT SALES TO PIA. EMBASSY HAD ALSO ASKED WHETHER THIS INQUIRY SHOULD BE PURSUED THROUGH DEPARTMENT OR DIRECTLY WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

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2. RIZA WAS TOLD THAT USG HAD COOPERATED WITH A NUMBER OF

OTHER GOVERNMENTS CONDUCTING LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIONS
IN SIMILAR CASES AND EXPLAINED PROCEDURE. AN AGREEMENT
MUST BE NEGOTIATED BETWEEN U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND
THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OF THE FOREIGN GOVERNMENT IN-
VOLVED WHICH PROVIDES FOR A RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMA-
TION. (INFORMATION EXCHANGED UNDER SUCH AGREEMENTS IS
REQUIRED TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL UNLESS LAW ENFORCEMENT
PROCEDURES REQUIRE DISCLOSURE.) ONCE THE STATE DEPARTMENT

INFORMS JUSTICE OF A REQUEST FROM A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT FOR
SUCH AN AGREEMENT, JUSTICE TAKES OVER AND NEGOTIATES
DIRECTLY. WE GAVE RIZA A SAMPLE TEXT OF AN EXCHANGE OF
INFORMATION AGREEMENT. (COPY BEING POUCED TO EMBASSY
ISLAMABAD.)

3. RIZA CONFIRMED GOP INTEREST IN SHARING OF INFORMATION
AND EXPECTS GOP WILL WISH TO NEGOTIATE A RECIPROCAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT. HE WAS UNCERTAIN ABOUT ASSIGNMENT
OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS NEGOTIATION WITHIN THE GOP, BUT
ASSUMES A TEAM WOULD BE SENT HERE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

4. WE ALSO INFORMED RIZA THAT USG IS NOW PREPARED TO TAKE
FURTHER ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

-- DEPARTMENT WILL INFORM SENATOR CHURCH (SUBCOMMITTEE ON
MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS) OF GOP'S REQUEST, URGE THE
COMMITTEE'S COOPERATION AND ASK THAT REQUESTED MATERIAL,
IF ANY, BE FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. DE-
PARTMENT WILL MAKE A SIMILAR REQUEST TO SEC.

-- WHEN INFORMED THAT GOP WISHES TO NEGOTIATE AN EXCHANGE
AGREEMENT, DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO
ENABLE NEGOTIATORS TO CONTACT U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

5. WE ASSURED RIZA THAT DIRGEN CHAUDHRY WOULD BE WELCOMED
IN WASHINGTON WHENEVER HE COMES, AND THAT HE COULD COME IN
CONNECTION WITH OR DURING NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT WITH
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, BUT SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT NO INFORMA-
TION COULD BE OBTAINED OR SHARED PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF
AGREEMENT. NEGOTIATION OF AGREEMENT, PLUS COLLECTION OF
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AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS, HAS OCCASIONALLY TAKEN SEVERAL MONTHS
IN PREVIOUS CASES. RIZA SAID HE THOUGHT EMBASSY MIGHT
RECOMMEND CHAUDHRY DELAY HIS TRIP PLANS AT THIS STAGE. KISSINGER

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